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SUBJECT: SECAR Defense Travel System (DTS) Usage/Implementation

- 1. TRADOC has consistently looked for options to save dollars or reutilize funding in order to support the Department of the Army amid the fiscal challenges caused by Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). In order to further support the Department by reducing the Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) bill to the Army, I hereby direct all TRADOC Schools/Centers/Activities fielded with DTS to file their travel claims using DTS effective immediately.
- 2. Commanders and supervisors must enforce the mandatory usage of DTS for all TDY travel claims filed by military and civilian personnel. DFAS charges the Army \$34.00 for every manual voucher they process and \$2.22 for each DTS voucher processed. The Army pays 95 percent more for a manually processed voucher than it does for a DTS processed voucher costing the Army several millions of dollars that could be utilized in support of GWOT.
- 3. Resource management and commercial ticket offices have been instructed to charge all official travel expenses under DTS to the traveler's government charge card and not their personal charge card. Travelers who do not have a charge card will continue to have their charges processed through the installation's transportation office.
- 4. I expect authorizing officials, certifying officials, and/or supervisors to ensure their personnel comply with this memorandum.

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- 1. The Defense Travel System (DTS) reduces the Army's cost of travel administration significantly. The Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) charges the Army \$34.00 per manual voucher compared to \$2.22 per DTS transaction. From October 1, 2004, through February 28, 2005, sites where DTS was deployed prior to the start of FY 2005 processed nearly 84,000 transactions through DTS (at a cost of nearly \$186,480) and nearly 177,000 manual transactions through DFAS (at a cost of nearly \$6,018,000). Although processing nearly 84,000 DTS transactions is commendable, we cannot afford to under-utilize DTS and to continue to pay higher DFAS processing costs.
- 2. Effective May 1, 2005, activities, where DTS was deployed prior to FY 05 and its functions are supported, must use DTS when filing travel claims. Manual vouchers are not authorized. Submitting activities are responsible for ensuring that all travel authorizations and vouchers are processed through DTS.
- 3. When using DTS, all official travel expenses will be charged to Individually Billed Accounts (IBAs). This policy change permits continued use of the Centrally Billed Account for transportation costs for individuals who do not have a travel card.
- 4. Locations where DTS is deployed are supported by a full-time lead defense travel administrator (LDTA). This resource is funded by the Army and provided by DFAS. The LDTAs assigned to each location are responsible for: a) coordinating and executing the DTS Proliferation Plan; b) establishing and operating the Tier 2 Helpdesk for the site; and c) establishing and operating the full DTS training program.
- 5. Should you have any questions, please contact John Schoenecker, Army DTS program manager, at (703) 693-2703 (DSN 223) or iohn.schoenecker@hqda.army.mil. For questions regarding IBAs, please contact Frank Rago, Army travel charge card program manager, at (703) 693-3386 (DSN 223-3386) or francis.rago@hqda.army.mil.

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